

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ROBYN L. SAAVEDRA, R.N.
License No.: 0001-158045

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 17, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Robyn L. Saavedra, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on November 23, 2010, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Saavedra may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Saavedra was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Robyn L. Saavedra, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-158045 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 12, 1998. Said license was indefinitely suspended by the Board on November 23, 2010, with said suspension stayed contingent upon Ms. Saavedra's compliance with certain terms and conditions. By letter dated December 13, 2013, the stay of suspension was summarily rescinded. Ms. Saavedra holds expired licenses to practice professional nursing in North Carolina and Indiana. Her primary state of residence is Indiana.

2. Based upon the representations of Tammie Jones and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the Respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.

3. By Order entered November 23, 2010, the Board indefinitely suspended Ms. Saavedra's license to practice professional nursing with said suspension stayed contingent upon entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). The action was based upon findings that Ms. Saavedra diverted a prescription pad from her employer, forged the name of a physician and obtained a prescription for Soma; findings that Ms. Saavedra obtained multiple prescriptions for Soma from a physician outside of a bona fide physician-patient relationship; and a conviction for reckless driving after consuming alcohol and dextroamphetamine.

4. Ms. Saavedra entered the HPMP on June 1, 2011. A substance abuse evaluation conducted in February, 2011, diagnosed Ms. Saavedra with alcohol dependence and sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse. She was referred to weekly individual counseling, 12-step meeting attendance and participation in the toxicology screening program. Ms. Saavedra denied having a substance abuse issue, did not engage in a recovery lifestyle, and reported that she had no issues to discuss in therapy.

5. Between September 13, 2011 and September 30, 2013, Ms. Saavedra failed to call the drug screen test line on nine occasions. Ms. Saavedra was dismissed from the HPMP on November 18, 2013, for failing to comply with the toxicology screening program.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of Term No. 2 of the Order entered November 23, 2010, and § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

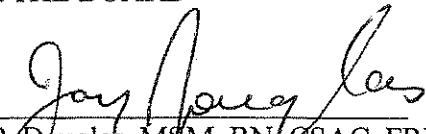
WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as

follows:

1. Robyn L. Saavedra, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. License No. 0001-158045 issued to Robyn L. Saavedra, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby CONTINUED on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION.
3. The license of Robyn L. Saavedra, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Saavedra seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
4. At such time as Ms. Saavedra shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
5. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Saavedra's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD


Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

april 3, 2014
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Virginia Board Of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.